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BRIEFING—SENSITIVE COUNTERTERRORISM ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Sensitive Counterterrorism Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing on H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding

for First Responders Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PLUGGING THE GAPS IN BORDER SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled “Plugging the Gaps in Border Security: the One Face at the Border Initiative.” Testimony was heard from Robert Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled “Implementing the SAFETY Act: Advancing New Technologies for Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.